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Sir:

In reply to the Final Rejection mailed May 21, 2001, please amend the above application as set forth below. A Notice of Appeal was filed October 22, 2001, rendering this Reply timely.

IN THE TITLE

Please change the title to read --METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXECUTING ELECTRONIC AUCTION--.